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## BIG BANQUET TO BE STAGED HERE FRIDAY

FATHERS AND SONS OF CITY  
WILL FEAST TOGETHER AT  
WRIGHT HALL AT 6:30.

### A Good Program Assured by Boys

Everything seems to be set for one of the finest community Father and Son banquets that Alma has ever known. The boys of the Hi-Y and its committees have been working like trojans and, if the ticket sale goes over as it should, the outlook is for a smooth and enjoyable program.

The doors of the big dining room at Wright Hall will open promptly at six-thirty Friday evening and the grand march will be led by the oldest father and his son in attendance. The tickets cost \$1.20 for two people, a price less than that of last year and one which will barely cover expenses. It is made as low as possible in order that all may attend.

The first thing on the program will be the eats and these will be in royal style. The menu is not to be divulged at this time but it will be one suited to the palates of hungry men and boys. The service will be in the hands of young men of the high school and college who are donating their time and it promises to be satisfactorily prompt.

Frank Smith of Alma will officiate at the close of the meal in a general song service in which every one will take part whether possessed of a voice or not. The extra good voices are to be matched against the extra bad ones, and in this way a pleasing harmony will be sure to result. Only the old favorite songs will be used.

Don Smith, long a star on the college musical platform, will open the individual part of the program with a vocal selection. The speakers on the program have requested that their names be not given out until after the banquet because of the need of safety from their friends. The pick of the forensic talent of Alma will be there, however. Rev. Green of Mt. Pleasant will deliver the address of the evening, and the people of Alma know that that will be equivalent to saying that one address will be good. Miss Lois Smith will render the feminine "Leaven" needed for every program with a vocal solo, and Professor R. C. Luechert, singing evangelist to be at the Methodist church, will round out the musical part of the evening.

The authorities of the college have been more than gracious about granting permission for the use of the Wright Hall dining room for the banquet, a matter involving considerable trouble and expense for them, for which they receive no recompense. It is the hope and expectation of all that these numerous factors will make the 1922 Father and Son banquet one to be long remembered in Alma.

### Summer School Work at M. A. C.

East Lansing, March 23—Special work for teachers of agriculture, and instructors in rural and consolidated schools features the announcement of the summer session at the Michigan Agricultural College, to run from June 26 to Aug. 4 this year.

In addition to regular undergraduate courses in all divisions of the state college, adapted material in agriculture, home economics, applied science and engineering is being planned for the special courses. Increasing demand from teachers of the state for advanced training along special lines has led to a considerable broadening of the curriculum for the summer term.

Vocational education for home economics teachers who need further work to qualify under the Smith-Hughes legislation is included in the courses listed for the first time this year.

A model one-room school, with real pupils in attendance will be maintained during the summer for demonstration work with the class of rural teachers, according to Prof. E. H. Ryder, director of the M. A. C. Summer School.

**OPENS SALESROOM**  
Hugh Tedhams has taken the agency for the Hupmobile in this vicinity and has rented the Bennett building on the north side of East Superior street as a display room. Some remodeling work is now being done to make the building more suitable for the purpose for which it is to be used.

Before deciding upon that new dress, look over the line of gingham at L. N. Baker's.—advertisement 44-2

### State Oat Crop Needs Fertilizers

That much of Michigan's one and a half million acre oat crop is in need of fertilization this spring, and that crop yields well above the state average can be obtained if proper soil conditions are brought about, is the statement of Dr. M. M. McCool, head of the soils department at the Michigan Agricultural College.

"Fertility tests we have conducted with oats on widely different soils," says Dr. McCool in discussing the question of fertilization, "bring out the fact that the better soils for this crop (the loams, the silt loams, and the clay loams) are most responsive to acid phosphate. If the straw development is adequate or excessive, it is a wasteful practice to apply a mixed fertilizer for this crop.

"The acid phosphate should be added in amounts ranging from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty pounds per acre. The larger applications should be sufficient for two years. If the soil is rather heavy, yet low in humus and the straw growth not adequate, about two hundred and fifty pounds of a 2-12-0 fertilizer per acre should be profitable.

"Where light soils that are in pretty good condition are used for the production of this crop the addition of 2-12-2 fertilizer ranging in amount from two hundred to two hundred and fifty pounds may be advisable. If the light soils are somewhat worn and are to produce oats for hay, nitrogen should be the chief consideration. Nitrate of soda may be used as a top dressing in amounts ranging from sixty to one hundred pounds per acre."

### A FINE CONCERT IS A CERTAINTY

NEVIN CONCERT COMPANY TO  
APPEAR IN ALMA SATUR-  
DAY, APRIL 1.

American music will be featured in the program of the Nevin Concert Company, the well-known artist-entertainers who will appear here on the Lyceum course Saturday evening, April 1.

Representative compositions of the great American composer, Ethelbert Nevin, will form the basis of a program which is delightfully diversified by vocal solos and duets, character sketches, and popular ensemble numbers.

Four young ladies compose the company which is under the leadership of Miss Irene Taylor. All four members of the company possess in high degree the quality of personality, and this added to their splendid technique makes their program one which never fails to please.

The personnel of the company is as follows: Miss Irene Taylor, cellist and leader; Miss Adelaide Murray, violinist; Miss Jamie Murray, pianist; and Miss Jeannette Howell, expert flutist.

### Prairie Chicken Coming Game Bird

After having made a tour through several of the central Michigan counties, Director of Conservation Baird states that Michigan is fortunate indeed in having in its game covers a fine vigorous stock of prairie chickens.

These birds have been increasing steadily for the past few years, he says, and that to his mind they will eventually offer the sportsmen of Michigan as much sport as the ruffed grouse. In Gratiot county alone, he said, I discovered several flocks of these birds, that are much larger than our native grouse, stronger and as erratic in flight.

Under the present protective laws, he continued, it should not be many years before their numbers will be greatly increased, as Michigan offers the prairie chicken the finest kind of cover, breeding range and food.

### CITY CLEAN UP DAY

The glorious touch of spring weather, which was ours to enjoy last week, put every one into the attitude of enthusiastic house and yard cleaning. Do not let this little flurry of winter dampen your spirits. Mr. and Mrs. Householder, for when this is over, more than ever, for the real thing, will be nearer at hand. Get all the rubbish, papers, ashes, et cetera, into the most convenient place for the loading; if it is not carted away at once, report to the city hall.

Accumulations of the winter season, exposed by the passing of the snow, are not only unsightly, but unsanitary as well, and the sooner gotten out of the way, the better.

City Clean-up Day will soon be here, BE READY.

You get your money's worth when you buy Tanlac, because it produces results. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

## It Takes Time to Repair a Complete Wreck!



### WOODWORTH AVE. IS TO BE PAVED

TWO BLOCKS SOUTH FROM SUPERIOR TO BE PAVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

That the city will take up some of the paving projects that were held up last year, is regarded as a certainty now that William E. Reynolds, city manager, has asked for bids for the paving of the two blocks on Woodworth avenue, from Superior street south to the railroad.

The specifications for this paving call for a 50 foot pavement from the south line of Superior street to the south line of the alley on Woodworth. From this point the paving will narrow to 30 feet for the balance of the distance to the railroad crossing.

Bids for this paving are to be opened on the night of April 4, and if the contract for the work is awarded at that time it is very probable that this paving job will be well under way before May 1.

Whether or not the other paving projects that were contemplated last summer, and which were held up at the request of taxpayers on the streets to be paved, will be taken up this spring is a matter that has yet to be fully determined. It is expected, however, that in view of the fact that paving can probably be put in this year at a low figure, that the taxpayers on some of these streets at least will desire to have the work done.

### EARLY BREAKFAST

Breakfast in honor of the winning side, in the Stewardship Reading Contest, was given Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, in the dining room of the M. E. church. Eighty interested folks braved the "10 above zero" weather and broke their fast, by feasting. It was altogether, an enjoyable affair; the Spirit was splendid, and the breakfast was fine. The captains, Mr. John Daugherty, and Mr. Floyd Kleinhans, each made a "speech," and Mrs. Smith, the chairman, awarded the recognitions, for earnest work. Books and flowers were the prizes. Mr. Kleinhans side being the winners.

The contest is ended, but the end is not yet. The results of such information spread throughout the church will bring lasting results, which will be uncalculable, putting church and people on a splendid working basis.

### Moore to Speak Twice in Alma

Dr. Willis A. Moore, director of personnel of the Dodge Manufacturing company of Mishawaka, Indiana, will speak in Alma twice on Wednesday, March 29.



DR. WILLIS A. MOORE

At noon Dr. Moore will give an address at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on community building.

At 8:00 p. m. Wednesday evening he will give an address at the East Superior Street Christian church. His subject at that time will be "The Golden Rule in Business."

Your free ticket for the evening address at the church may be obtained at the drug stores or at the church next Sunday.

### Eastern Time Is Sought Here

Petitions are being circulated in the city, and are to be found in most of the stores regarding a change to eastern time again this summer. After the petitions have been circulated they will be sent to the city commission, which has the power to make the change and shove the clocks ahead for an hour during the summer, if it sees fit.

It is understood that the petitions are meeting with general favor and are being largely signed.

There is not a single portion of the body that is not benefited by the helpful action of Tanlac. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement.

### NEW CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT

LOVEJOY AND NOYES OF HILLSDALE OPEN NEW BUSINESS PLACE TUESDAY.

The Star Dyers and Cleaners establishment, under the ownership of W. C. Lovejoy and J. W. Noyes, who came to Alma from Hillsdale, will be opened to the public Tuesday in the Spinyne block of East Superior street.

A formal opening of the new establishment will be held Tuesday, both morning and afternoon, at which time the public is invited to inspect the new place.

The front offices of the new establishment are finished in white enamel and present a fine appearance. Reed furniture, which is expected to arrive before Tuesday will be placed in the office. Just to the rear of the office is a laboratory, in which is located the various chemicals that are used in the work that is done by the firm.

Behind this room is another room in which is located a large deodorizer, constructed by the firm to meet its needs in its particular line of business. In a concrete block building to the rear of the Spinyne block is located the cleaning machinery, which consists of two large washers, an extractor, and a still for cleaning the gasoline, and making it fit for use again.

It is also the intention of the firm to open pressing establishments in St. Louis and Ithaca where cleaning work will also be taken. This latter class of work will be brought to Alma and put through the local cleaning outfit.

Messrs. Lovejoy and Noyes came to Alma from Hillsdale, where they have been engaged in this same business for some time. They came to Alma with fine recommendations.

### BIDS WANTED

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Manager at the city hall at Alma, Michigan, until five o'clock p. m. Tuesday, April fourth, for the paving of South Woodworth Avenue according to the plans on file in the office of the City Clerk. A properly certified check in the amount of five per cent of the amount bid and made payable to the City of Alma shall accompany each bid. The right is reserved by the City of Alma to reject any or all bids.

Bidding blanks and specifications to be had at the above office.  
43-3w W. E. Reynolds, City Mgr.

### Pikers Will Circle L. Michigan on Tour

Having in the last two years circled Lake Superior and Lake Michigan on its good roads boosting jaunts the Michigan Pikes Association will circle around Lake Michigan in July. The tour totals 1729.2 miles and will consume 13½ days, starting from Detroit on July 7 and finishing here on July 20. Capt. W. S. Gilbreath, president of the M. P. A., and manager of the Detroit Automobile Club, announces that during the 13½ days the association will conduct 77 good roads meetings in as many cities along the route. The Michigan Pikes Association membership is made up of good roads boosters from all walks of life and its object is to accelerate the building of better highways and promote through touring routes.

Roughly the itinerary of the tour is Detroit to Chicago, Milwaukee, Calumet, Mackinaw City, Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Detroit. On reaching Petoskey on the return trip down the eastern shore of Lake Michigan the tour will be combined with the tour of the West Michigan Pikes Association, from that point to Grand Rapids.

William H. Loutit, president of the West Michigan Pikes Association, has announced that his organization contemplated a tour from Chicago to Petoskey over the W. M. P. link of the Dixie Highway, July 14-16, and amalgamating his tour with Capt. Gilbreath's organization for the return trip to Grand Rapids, where the West "Pikers" will disband on July 19.

### ST. LOUIS HAD SUNDAY BLAZE

P. M. STATION THERE PRACTICALLY DESTROYED IN AN  
EARLY MORNING FIRE.

St. Louis was visited by another disastrous fire at an early hour Sunday morning, when the Pere Marquette passenger station was practically destroyed by flames, only the east end of the depot remaining standing when the flames were finally extinguished after some hours of hard work on the part of the fire department.

While the fire caused a heavy loss, and will cause considerable inconvenience for some little time, without a doubt, in the long run it will probably prove a blessing to that community, as the probabilities are that the structure will be replaced with a far better station than the one which was destroyed.

The fire is thought to have broken out in the west end of the depot, and was first discovered shortly after 2:00 a. m. Sunday, when the alarm was turned in. The fire department quickly responded to the alarm, and did everything possible to save the structure, and was on the job fighting the flames until after 5:00 a. m. Perhaps it was decreed by the fates, but whether or not, the water pressure was not of the best at first and this proved a handicap to the fire department. Every possible effort was made to quell the flames, however, and to prevent the high wind from carrying sparks to places across the track. It was only with difficulty that the flames were finally brought under control and extinguished.

After the department had left the scene it was again called out by some embers, which the high wind had again fanned into flames, but no added damage was done, or for that matter could be done, so complete was the wreck of the structure.

A coach has been brought to St. Louis and placed on the ground adjoining the site of the depot and is now doing duty as a station, and undoubtedly will do station service until building weather arrives, and it is possible to erect a new building.

If a P. M. depot had to burn, Alma residents are wishing that it might happen about three miles this way from St. Louis.

### CHLORINE NOT RESPONSIBLE

In a letter to William E. Reynolds, city manager, Wallace & Tiernan Co., Inc., of Newark, N. J., manufacturers of chlorine control apparatus for water and sewage purification, bleaching and industrial work, say that chlorine in the amounts used for water sterilization purposes does not in any way make the water corrosive. The letter says that there are now some four billion gallons being treated in this way daily with chlorine, including such cities as Philadelphia, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Buffalo, Atlanta, etc. The tremendous boiler horsepower using water that is chlorinated is certain indication that such water is not corrosive. The letter continues, "If you analyze or have analyzed, the water in the various parts of the town for free chlorine you will probably find it entirely absent."

### COLLEGE PLANS SUBJECT AT C. OF C. LUNCHEON

ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN AND  
THE COLLEGE FUTURE TOLD  
OF BY SPEAKERS.

### Roller Mill Is Under Discussion

One of the largest, if not the largest, crowd that has yet attended a noon day luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, was present at the luncheon yesterday noon, and listened with considerable interest to three speakers from Alma College and also to an exhortation by two or three others regarding the use of Alma Bread flour if Alma expects that the Alma Roller Mills will continue to operate under the management of J. Hale & Sons of Iowa.

Immediately following the luncheon music was furnished by a male quartet consisting of Joseph Winslow, C. A. Robinson, Leon Stinchcomb and G. V. Wright.

A letter relative to the Roller Mills and the prospects for its continued operation from J. Hale & Sons of Iowa was read by President Babcock of the Chamber of Commerce. J. D. Sullivan called attention to the fact that the mill has purchased \$100,000 worth of produce in the past five months, and \$7,000 in the past week. Ten thousand bushels of oats, alone, have been shipped out by the mill, he stated, in showing that the mill is aiding in making Alma a market center again. W. W. Cushing suggested that the wives of the city be urged to purchase Alma Bread flour and that a demonstration be held to show the fine results that can be secured from this flour. The two newspapers of the city offered free advertising space in the promotion of such a demonstration.

A. B. Sheldon of Alma College spoke briefly of the results that have so far been achieved in the college endowment campaign. He said that a total of \$354,000 has been subscribed unconditionally and \$125,000 conditionally, this including the \$75,000 pledge of the General Education Board, or Rockefeller foundation, and the \$50,000 pledge of the Carnegie Corporation. He spoke of the work that is now being done out in the state and expressed the hope that the campaign would be successful.

Professor Roy Hamilton called attention to the fact that in the west end of the city there was a million dollar corporation and urged that it being given loyal support. He spoke of the steady growth of the college during the past few years and predicted that Alma would soon be a college of five hundred students, at which point the attendance would probably be limited.

President H. M. Crooks spoke of the campaign in Gratiot a year ago and the amount secured for the gymnasium, which made \$88,000 available for the building. He stated that the final plans have been approved and the architects are now preparing the specifications for the contractors to bid upon, and that these would probably be ready about the middle of April. By the middle of May activities should be started, he said. He spoke briefly of the advantages that the gymnasium would have, but that for the present it would not have the natatorium or swimming pool.

He then turned to the college of the future and explained to the gathering the architects' plan for the Alma College of future years. He said that by 1925 the collections on the endowment campaign would be in and that in 1926 a new campaign for a million dollars might be started. He spoke of the difficulty in getting people to make personal gifts to the college the first time, and then of the large number of large individual gifts in the present campaign.

He gave briefly the plan for college expansion during the coming ten years, the construction of the gymnasium, finishing of the chemistry building and repair of the heating plant this year at a cost of about \$90,000. In 1923 the completing of the fourth floor in Wright Hall, making a number of additional rooms, is the plan, together with an expenditure of about \$5,000 on the athletic field, then the library annex, the science building, completion of the gymnasium by the addition of the swimming pool, new men's and women's dormitories, etc.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Many friends from different parts of the County have asked me to be a candidate for County Drain Commissioner. Accordingly I have decided to be a candidate for nomination for that office by the Republican party, at the Primaries September 12th, 1922.

Erva R. Laycock.  
(Political Advertisement)